

STELLINGEN

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1. The self expanding property of the Wallstent not only additionally dilates the vessel after PTCA, but also remodels the stented segment in a more circular geometry.
- This thesis.
2. Although hyperplasia is a consequence of stenting, the functional significance of the growth may be diminished since the initial result in luminal area typically exceeds angioplasty alone by at least 50% and may more than compensate for the late proliferation. - This thesis.
3. While improved patient selection should decrease the occurrence of acute stent closure, it will remain an unpredictable event. - This thesis.
4. The combination of angiographically visible thrombi (in evolving myocardial infarction and unstable angina) and stents seems to be highly thrombogenic and may result in extension of the thrombus and acute occlusion of the stent.
- This thesis.
5. Stent operators should use longer stents rather than multiple stents, and avoid excessive oversizing of the stent ($>0.7\text{mm}$) to reduce the risk of late restenosis.
- This thesis.
6. Smooth muscle cells originating from coronary artery plaques are more active in matrix synthesis but have lower proliferation rates in vitro than umbilical artery smooth muscle cells. - This thesis.
7. Stenting (or any newer intervention) will only achieve clinical acceptance when the safety, efficacy and cost efficiency are superior to those of balloon angioplasty alone. - This thesis.

8. The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. Voltaire (Francois Marie Arouet) (1694-1778)
9. Musing of a perplexed Canadian on our global village: While France and England proceed together towards European union in 1992, the chasm widens between French and English Canada and separation seems a (regrettable) possibility.
10. Man is wise when he is in the pursuit of wisdom, the conceit of having attained it makes him a fool. Rabbi Solomon ibn Gabirol-11th century.
11. As long as cycling remains a Dutch passion, the traditional values of modesty, self-reliance and tolerance will continue.
12. The only thing I dread is affluence. I have a lovely office now, with pictures on the wall and a swivel chair, and I can't do anything. Sir Frederick Banting, Canadian co-discoverer of insulin.
13. Why abandon a belief merely because it ceases to be true? Cling to it long enough and...it will turn true again. Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favour. Robert Frost.
14. In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts.
Ralph Waldo Emerson
15. A conclusion is the place where you got tired thinking.
Martin H. Fischer